



Aruba encourages young female athletes with uniforms for “S.V. The Rose”

A festive celebration was conducted in Noord on Saturday evening to mark the official inauguration of “S.V. The Rose” soccer teams for young girls. In Aruba, there are many junior male soccer teams, but only four girl’s teams, and S.V. The Rose is the first female team for the Noord area, which boasts six teams devoted to boy’s soccer.

Minister of Culture, Labor, and Sport, Ramon Lee, was on hand for the “baptism” of the beautiful new uniforms for the team, donated by Gino Croes of The Natural Stones. In addressing the gathering, he expressed his pride in the community for supporting girls’ athletics, and his belief in the importance of such activities in promoting healthy, character-building pastimes for island youth. He asserted that it is a personal dream of his to see all island youth enthusiastically participating in sports, thus encouraging sportsmanship and teamwork, and giving families a uniting force in supporting their children in such pursuits.

Officially baptizing the uniforms was Francisco Geil, with the assistance of members of the team. S.V. The Rose consists of two soccer teams; one for girls ages seven to ten, and another for ages eleven to fourteen. Present for the occasion were the members of the board and coaches for the team consisting of President Audrey Maduro, along with Mario Croes, Ligia Croes, Robby Geerman, Zayenne Gomez, Richinel de Jong and Nelson Maduro.

Increasing the number of female soccer teams is an important factor in funding from FIFA, mentioned Rufo Kelly, President of the Aruba Voetball Bond, and so he warmly welcomed the new team, and expressed the hope to see more young girls participate in the sport. Additionally honored that evening were various individuals that assisted in the formation of the soccer team and providing them with guidance and facilities. Welcome to the S.V. The Rose Soccer Team, and best wishes for success!